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SLS board seeking managing attorney

by Eileen McNamara
editor-in-chief

The Student Legal Services Board of Directors is searching for someone to replace terminated Managing Attorney Gregory Bakies by July 1. Meanwhile, Bakies is still reviewing his career options after he leaves the University.

SLS board Chairman Rodney Wichman said the board is in the process of reviewing different candidates for the managing attorney position, but he said it is too early to give any indication of what will be done.

"We have three avenues we can take - we can move Rod [Fleming, staff attorney] up, we can hire someone to have equal status with Rod or we could simply hire a new managing attorney," he said.

Wichman said the board is working with the Ohio State Bar and local media to find a new attorney. He added that the board may be able to discuss possible job options or candidates in late June.

Bakies is also on a search -- for new employment. He said he has not yet decided what he will do, but he anticipates that he will stay at the University until the end of June, unless "anything else comes up."

"I'm exploring several options," he said.

Wichman said he believes there was some miscommunication surrounding the board's announcement that Bakies would not be retained as managing attorney.

"I think the word 'fired' is a bit harsh," he said. "We simply decided not to renew his contract."

However, Bakies said it was his understanding that he was fired.

"The statement I received from them said I was terminated," he said, adding that he believed his contract was renewed in March.

Regardless, both Bakies and Wichman agreed that there was considerable tension between the board and the managing attorney, which did not make for the best working conditions.

"His priorities weren't the same as ours," Wichman said. "He's a good attorney -- he's done good things for the students, ... but it was like pulling teeth to get something done."

Wichman added that many people had the misconception that Bakies lost his job because he took longer than the board desired to work on the redistricting case. However, he said there were other conflicts.

"It's the sharing of values and concerns, it's what it's taken for him to do things," he said. "It wasn't all about redistricting. The relationship between the board of directors and the managing attorney was disintegrated."

However, Bakies said he believed it was more important that he did what was best for students as a whole, not what the board wanted him to do.

"I will not stay here and be a yes man to proposals that would be detrimental to SLS and students," he said. "My main fault was that I cared too much about Student Legal Services."

Smoking ban not contested

Officials say no complaints filed about campus regulation

by Connell Barrett
associate editor

There has not yet been any student response, positive or negative, concerning the campus-wide smoking ban, according to University officials.

"We've had no phone calls," said Jill Carr, director of the Office of On-Campus Housing. "We haven't received any complaints."

The University's board of trustees voted May 7 to make the University campus the first non-smoking campus in Ohio. Effective Fall 1994, smoking will be prohibited in all residence halls and campus buildings.

While there has not yet been negative

feedback, Michael Vetter, assistant vice president of student affairs, said he is not ruling out the possibility of receiving complaints.

"We expect to have some people who are concerned about the new policy," Vetter said. He added that the Office of Student Affairs will be glad to listen to anyone who has a complaint about the new policy, if and when the time comes.

Any student feeling his or her rights as a smoker are being infringed upon will have to look beyond the campus for legal assistance, according to Gregory Bakies, managing attorney of Student Legal Services.

Students cannot receive legal counsel

from SLS because the office does not handle or advise in cases that deal directly with the University, he said.

"If they want to, the student can come in and we can give a referral to another attorney," Bakies said.

Carr said she does not expect an overwhelming number of complaints, due to the already small amount of space reserved for smokers.

Vetter sees the University's switch to a smoke-free campus as the natural progression from a campus that is already 99.3 percent smokeless.

"I think the University is willing to be the first to have a smoke-free campus."

Graduation Time Out



The BG News/Tim Norman

While the commencement speaker talks, chemistry graduate Andrew Back takes a nap. C. Peter Magrath, president of the National

Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, was this year's commencement speaker.

City police, fire levies pass, few students vote

by Eileen McNamara
editor-in-chief

Only 25 University students voted in the May 4 election, in which both the city's fire and police levies passed.

The police levy, which will add 14 new officers over a five year period beginning in 1994, was won by only 40 votes. The fire levy to add eight new firefighters passed with a more than 60 percent margin.

The levies will increase income tax by about .23 percent, with the police levy a .14 percent increase and the fire levy a .09 rise.

Of the 3,334 registered voters who lived on campus, only .75 percent voted at the polls located in the Northeast Commons.

"If more students had voted, the police levy wouldn't have passed," said Sam Melendez, Ward One City Council candidate. "Students couldn't get into it because they had finals ... I think that's the reason the city put that on the ballot -- do you think the police levy would have passed in November? No way."

Melendez, who said he "fully supported" the fire

"...Ironically, students can benefit most from the levy -- they're most often the [crime] victims."

Galen Ash, Bowling Green Police Chief

levy, addressed City Council about his reservations toward the police levy. Now that the levy has passed, Melendez said he hopes the police division will stay true to their original intent to patrol the neglected parts of the city.

"I'll be happy if they do their job for the rest of the city, and not set up some kind of bar patrol," he said. "My fear is they'll try to go where the money is -- with some \$300 underage consumption ticket."

Bowling Green Police Chief Galen Ash said students should have been some of the strongest advocates for the levy, because they benefit most from the police service.

"They probably think there's more cops to bust them for their open containers or underage drinking," Police Chief Galen Ash said. "And that may be."

"But ironically, students can benefit most from the levy -- they're most often the [crime] victims."

Prolonged battle puts talks on hold

The Associated Press

MEDJUGORJE, Bosnia-Herzegovina -- In an ironic symbolic of Bosnia's intractable war, Muslim and Croat leaders had to move peace talks from Mostar because their troops fought over the city again Tuesday.

The nine-day battle for Mostar and other clashes between the former allies against Bosnia's powerful Serb forces have greatly complicated international efforts to end the war.

Bosnian Serbs are thought to have overwhelmingly rejected a U.N. peace plan in a weekend referendum, and diplomats now are struggling to end hostilities between Croats and Bosnia's Muslim-led government -- which had backed the plan.

"The basic facts of life are that if Croats and Muslims cannot live together, side by side, there will not be a Bosnia-Herzegovina," Lord Owen, the European Community envoy on Bosnia, said during a brief break in the talks,

which were shifted from Mostar 20 miles south to Medjugorje.

Both Serb and Croat nationalists in Bosnia contend the state should cease to exist. But Owen rejected that as a recipe for endless ethnic conflict.

Western nations insist on maintaining Bosnia-Herzegovina, which they recognized 13 months ago, but so far have shied from trying to force a settlement.

At a hearing in Washington on Tuesday, Secretary of State Warren Christopher called the war "the problem from hell." He said U.S. allies still were not prepared to follow the Clinton administration's proposal for military intervention, and he would hold new talks to try to reach a consensus.

Bosnian radio said an explosion rocked Mostar at daybreak, shattering hundreds of windows. Western journalists in the area said fighting appeared to ease somewhat later in the day.

Because of the fighting, Croa-

See Battle, page three.

Inside the News

Marital Blitz:

One day before commencement, two graduating seniors tie the knot in a campus ceremony at the University's gazebo.
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Outside Campus

Do yourself a party favor:

Although there's lots of opportunities for party fun in the lazy, hazy days and nights of summer, the warm weather can also bring more opportunities for arrests.
□ See page three.

New Firelands dean chosen:

A Kentucky college administrator has been named dean of the University's Firelands College by the Board of Trustees.

R. Darby Williams, dean of academic affairs at Elizabethtown Community College, will begin his duties Aug. 1.

Current Firelands dean Robert Debard said he plans to return to teaching. Debard has been the dean since 1988.

Woman killed in car accident:

A 27-year-old Findlay woman was killed in a head-on collision in Bowling Green May 10.

Jacquelin M. Redmon was killed instantly by the 5:35 a.m. accident. According to police, Redmon was driving southbound on North Main Street when she allegedly crossed the center line and collided with a van.

Bowling Green Police Chief Galen Ash said Redmon apparently had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Poetry for prizes:

The National Library of Poetry will award more than \$12,000 in prizes to more than 250 winners in its North American Open Poetry Contest.

Deadline for entry is June 30. The contest is open to any poet, published or not, and there is no entrance fee.

Anyone interested may send one original poem to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-XW, Owings Mills, Md. 21117.

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Short attention-span editorials

Welcome back, readers! We've had a relaxing two weeks off here at The News -- finals, moving, receiving our wonderful grades -- nope, no stress here.

But the rest of the world has been exceedingly busy during our little sabbatical and, as usual, we want to have our say. So in the interest of covering as many exciting topics as possible, we present one of our infamous fragmented editorials. No, it's not E.A.R. to the Ground. Call it E.Y.E. in the Sky or H.A.N.D. on the Wall -- please, feel free to insert your own acronym here.

Anyway, it's just a column. Enjoy.

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At a time when a record number of students are seeking political office, and the redistricting issue is coming to a climax, registered student voters let out more of a whimper than a roar at the polls this month.

Only about 25 students voted May 4, when the issues at hand were the levies for the police and fire divisions, both of which passed.

The controversial police levy, which will add 14 new officers over a five year period, passed by only 40 votes.

Such apathy hurts the respectability student political candidates and activists have been working to establish -- and it may reflect badly on us when the case for redistricting is brought up.

Maybe the low turnout was due to finals, people moving or leaving town rather than a lack of interest. But we must remember that 25 concerned citizens does not constitute a solid student voting base.

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The University will become Ohio's first "smoke-free campus" next year, which means smoking will not be permitted in any University buildings or vehicles.

This is not exactly an earthshaking commandment, though, especially considering the only place smokers can presently light up on campus is in a few select residence hall rooms. In fact, very few dorm rooms are designated "smoking rooms," which is why there seem to always be at least 10 smokers standing outside each residence hall at a time.

We feel the decision to ban smoking on campus was a wise one. There's nothing like being first, and BGSU's completely smokeless campus will be the first such campus in the entire state. And it was even wiser for the administration to gradually ease the students, faculty and staff into an acceptance of a cigarette-free school.

Hopefully, smokers won't feel terribly alienated. You can still smoke on your way to class enjoy a stress-relieving butt during an all-night study session.

Just keep it outside.

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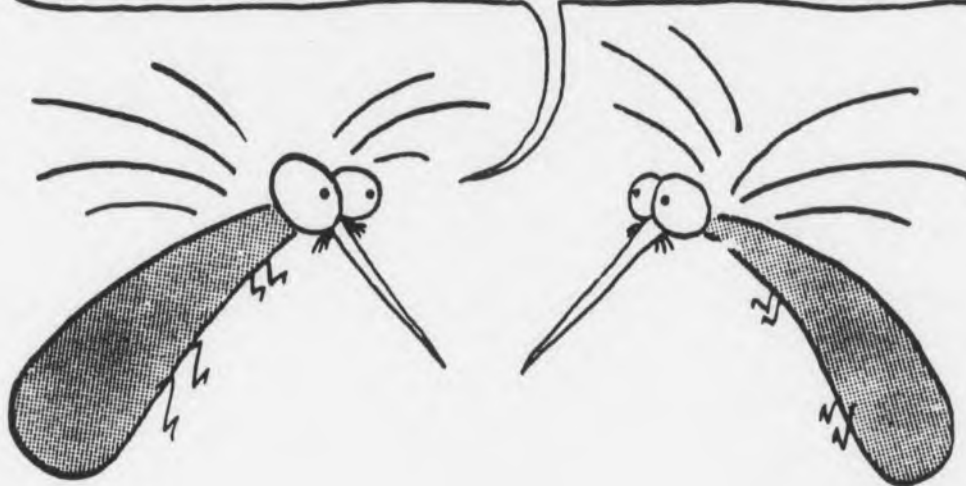
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Send all submissions to: Connell Barrett, Opinion Editor, The BG News, 210 West Hall.

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BLOOD-SUCKING PEST. I ALWAYS
WANTED TO BE A LAWYER!



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Bill: Less talk, more action

Democracy is undermined when political leaders lie to the public. When they lie consistently, democracy becomes impossible. That's why throughout 1992, I wrote a number of columns which focused on some of George Bush's most blatant lies and deceptions.

As a result of targeting our esteemed former president, many students came to the conclusion that I was hopelessly biased against Republicans.

Fairness, however, demands that I scrutinize the actions of the leaders of both political parties. And though Clinton thus far hasn't shown the same propensity to tell whoppers to the American public as his predecessor, our new president is not without serious shortcomings.

For example, during the campaign, Mr. Clinton promised Americans he would "reinvigorate" their democracy and "reinvent" their government. Though the campaign is over, Mr. Clinton's rhetoric is still filled with inspiring cliches which promise long overdue reforms. Unfortunately, his actions tell a far different story.

Mr. Clinton had been in office barely two weeks when he locked horns with some of the most powerful men in Washington over the military's ban on homosexuals.

While some observers might have seen the rush to confront the Joint Chiefs as a sign of courage, there is an alternative explanation for the president's curious timing. Consider the following:

Why would Clinton have antagonized the Joint Chiefs of Staff and powerful Senators from both parties before he had built up enough political capital to carry the day? Why not wait a year -- or even two -- before attempting such a controversial action?

Even though Clinton failed to convince the military to drop its ban, he was able to go back to his supporters in the gay community and explain that the reason for his failure was the Washington power elite. How convenient.



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No one could have devised a more clever strategy to make the president appear responsive to his supporters while at the same time virtually guaranteeing the military's policy would remain largely intact.

The only loser was the homosexual Navy radioman who was brutally murdered by several of his shipmates shortly after Clinton announced his plan to force the services to accept gays. Oh well, I suppose there are always casualties ...

Then there's Mr. Clinton's ability to waffle. One of the biggest scandals in Wash-

ington is the way the federal government over-looks the public lands which belong to all Americans.

In the West, for instance, the government leases out public land to farmers who use it for grazing livestock. The problem is that the rates the government charges livestock farmers are far below current market rates. This means that taxpayers are essentially subsidizing western farmers.

Pretty thoughtful, eh? Western farmers, however, aren't the only ones receiving a government handout at taxpayer expense. Our government charges logging companies a pittance in exchange for allowing them to cut timber from public-owned national forests.

Nor is that the full extent of the federal handout. The government allows mining companies to extract precious metals like gold and silver from public land at little or no cost.

During the presidential campaign, Clinton promised to make farmers and logging and mining companies pay market rates for using public land.

But when big business and their pawns in Congress protested, Clinton abandoned his campaign pledge, thus reinforcing the impression that he is awfully long on rhetoric and woefully short on action.

Though the president has spoken repeatedly of the need to "reinvigorate" democracy and "reinvent" government, Mr. Clinton has more top advisors who are millionaires than either Bush or Reagan -- two men who did their utmost to ensure that the rich got much richer during the time they occupied the nation's highest office.

Why would millionaires in the president's cabinet and in Congress be sympathetic to "reinventing" the same system that made them millionaires in the first place?

If anything, these beneficiaries of the system are far more likely to sabotage change rather than lend their support to it. Perhaps this explains why Clinton has had such a difficult time enacting his agenda.

As the period of infatuation between the new president and a deficit-phobic public begins to wane, the cry will go up for Mr. Clinton's actions to match his inspiring rhetoric.

That will require the president to be more judicious in balancing his promises for reform against the powerful corporate interests in Washington who have unlimited access to the president's ear -- and the power to thwart any serious attempts to change the status quo.

John Bernard is a columnist for The News. His views do not necessarily represent those of this paper.

from our readers

Rape -- a product of our culture

To the Editor:

I am writing to clarify some of the remarks attributed to me in Joe Peiffer's April 28 article on Akili Hutchinson.

I was reluctant to discuss the case with Mr. Peiffer when he called as I was (and am) not sufficiently informed about either its specific circumstances or Hutchinson's previous history. I agreed to respond to some general questions about rape while

also making clear that the subject itself is extremely complex -- too complex to cover adequately in a brief phone interview.

In my remarks -- which, again, were brief -- I tried to situate the fact of rape within a constellation of larger cultural attitudes about and behaviors toward women. These attitudes arise in part from gender and power stratification in American culture and

from a general cultural acceptance of violence -- especially violence against women.

I do not believe that athletes -- an exceedingly diverse group -- are particularly susceptible to crimes of violence, as the remarks attributed to me suggest.

I do believe that certain behaviors are encouraged and reinforced at the level of the larger culture, that many of these behaviors differ according to gender

(among other factors) and that male violence against women is one of these behaviors.

In order for violence against women to be eradicated, cultural attitudes must change. This recognition has inspired a number of educational efforts, among them the Rape Education and Prevention Program at OSU and, at BGSU, Men Against Rape.

Ellen E. Berry, Director
Women's Studies Program

Schools sponsor Community Art Fair

by Robin Coe
staff writer

A local preschool and primary school's Community Art Fair displayed the work of area children and adults and offered activities for both young and old to enjoy Sunday.

The teachers, students and parents of Plan, Do and Talk, 115 E. Oak St., sponsored the sixth annual PDT Community Art Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. at the PDT preschool and primary school.

"A really innovative teacher wanted to get [PDT Community Art Fair] started," said Sue Neufeld, director of both the preschool and primary school at PDT. The art fair began six years ago with the innovation of former PDT teacher Kay Wilcox.

The fair, which took place inside and outside the schools, featured 20 booths at which people could try activities like sand painting and face painting or learn about and observe weaving

and quilting. Also, artwork of PDT students and teachers as well as other local artists were displayed throughout the rooms and halls of the schools.

Members of the Bowling Green High School Chamber Group performed classical music outside, and the members also volunteered their services to be auctioned off during the benefit auction later that afternoon. Also providing musical entertainment were flautist Marla Zink and violinist Ben Neufeld, who performed a duet.

According to Neufeld, this year marked the PDT's first benefit auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit educational activities at both preschool and primary. The auction raised more than \$1,600, which Neufeld said was in the goal range of between \$1000 and \$2000.

"That was the biggest fundraiser in our existence," she said.

Items to be auctioned off in-

cluded a quilt handmade by students of the preschool and primary, one week at a condominium in Boca Raton, Florida, and many other items.

Cindy Marso, art teacher for PDT primary, and Karen Saneholtz, art teacher for PDT preschool helped coordinate this year's Community Art Fair, but all the teachers, children and parents of PDT actively supported their time and efforts into the event. Students of Bowling Green Junior High and Bowling Green High School volunteered their help.

"The art fair is more for community service than [for the benefit of] our own children," stressed Brenda Babcocks, primary teacher for K-2, whom describes her first year teaching at PDT as "intriguing."

PDT is comprised of a preschool for ages two and one-half to five and a primary for K-3rd. The schools focus on learning through the arts and sciences, and offer summer science camps.



The BG News/Tim Norman

During the Plan, Do and Talk Community Art Fair Sunday afternoon, preschool teacher Kate Johnson gets a heart painted on her face by 7-year-old Even Leontis.

Smart parties help to avoid summertime (legal) blues

by Ginger Phillips
general assignment reporter

The warm weather of summer has finally arrived, bringing people and their parties outdoors. It may seem harmless, but both party-goers and party-givers may be at risk.

Capt. Tom Votava of the Bowling Green Police Division said there is about the same number of parties in the summer as in the rest of the year, but in the summer noise from open windows and doors often cause complaints from neighbors.

"The noise problem seems to be one of the major factors that causes us to enter into a situation," he said. "If you're a host of a party make sure all your neighbors are contacted. Let them know they can call you... rather than call us."

Student Legal Services is now in the process of preparing "The Party Guide," an updated brochure which states its purpose as "to inform students of their rights and responsibilities when hosting or attending a party." The guide describes alcohol-related crimes and penalties which often result from poorly planned parties, some tips for hosts on how to minimize risks, dangers for those attending parties and other helpful information.

Gregory Bakies, managing attorney of SLS, said to have a public party, a person must obtain an alcohol permit through Ohio Liquor Control - something that takes about one or two months and people are not likely to do.

"The most important thing to do is make your party private. You can do this by having a guest list. Monitor guests that come to the door, checking identification."

Gregory Bakies, Student Legal Services managing attorney

"The most important thing to do is make your party private. You can do this by having a guest list. Monitor guests that come to the door, checking identification," Bakies said.

He added that by maintaining a party as private in nature two things can be accomplished: First, beer can be served to friends without having to obtain an alcohol permit and second, privacy can be maintained, prohibiting police from entering. Bakies said police do not go around looking for parties to investigate and will only come if there have been complaints.

Votava said some of the bigger problems concerning summertime parties include disorderly conduct such as damage to property and urinating on public bushes and lawns.

"Don't drink to the level that alters your sensibilities," Votava said.

Battle

Continued from page one.

tian President, Franjo Tudjman, and Bosnia's Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, decided to meet in Medjugorje at the barracks of a battalion of Spanish U.N. peacekeepers.

Also at the talks in a courtyard shaded by a vine-covered trellis were Owen; U.N. special envoy Thorvald Stoltenberg; Mate Boban, Tudjman's handpicked leader of the Bosnian Croats; and U.N. officials.

It was unclear how long the talks would last or if any progress was being made.

Earlier Tuesday, Tudjman and Izetbegovic met briefly with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev in Split, Croatia. Kozyrev is proposing a step-by-step peace plan that would include sealing the borders of Bosnia and Serb-dominated Yugoslavia to isolate Bosnian Serbs. He also wants to establish U.N.-guarded

safety zones for Muslims and other refugees.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, however, Russia dropped its effort to hold a meeting of foreign ministers from the 15 Security Council members to work on a peace plan.

The Medjugorje meeting coincided with mounting concern that Croatia has turned against Bosnia and may be party to a Serb-Croat deal to divide up Bos-

nia-Herzegovina between them.

The European Community last week blamed Croatia for the Mostar fighting and threatened it with sanctions - similar to those punishing Yugoslavia for its role in the Bosnian war - if the violence continued.

Tudjman and other Croat leaders deny responsibility. In Split, Tudjman told Croatian television Tuesday that "extreme Muslim forces" were provoking the clashes.

The Associated Press

TOLEDO - A man accused of shooting two police officers was expected to be released from a hospital Tuesday and appear in court.

Ronnie Haines, 19, has been in St. Vincent Medical Center since the March shooting. He has been charged with two counts of felonious assault on a police officer.

Haines was paralyzed in the shooting. He was shot three times by the officers.

Officers Harry Marquis, 41, and William Boardman Jr., 33, were injured in the shooting, but have recovered.

Marquis and Boardman were shot while working as plainclothes officers in a bank robbery investigation. They were watching a bank when they saw a man matching the description of a robbery suspect, police said.

The shootings occurred after

the officers stopped the man on the street, police said.

TOLEDO -- City Council on Monday began holding its weekly meetings in the late afternoon, but a councilman said that wasn't enough to make government more accessible to the people.

The meetings come after decades of holding sessions in the morning while most people are at work.

Councilman Michael Ferner said Monday that time should be set aside at each council meeting for citizens to express their views. Current rules say a person can speak at council meetings only if a Council member sponsors them. "Our citizens are perfectly capable of expressing their views without having to come hat in hand asking for permission to address their elected officials," he said.

Mayor John McHugh said he

didn't know whether he would support Ferner's measure, which he sent to a council committee to study.

LANCASTER, Ohio -- A man charged with escaping from the county jail pleaded innocent Tuesday in Fairfield County Common Pleas Court.

Trent Gardner, 24, of Lancaster, was being held without bail in the same jail he is accused of escaping from on May 1.

Sheriff's deputies said he escaped through a hole behind a shower stall and fled to a waiting car. Gardner's friend, Carol Ryan, is charged with complicity to commit escape. She also pleaded innocent and was being held on a \$10,000 bond.

The two were apprehended May 5 in Iowa.

A pre-trial hearing for both was scheduled for May 27.

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'Dave' enjoyable, but filled with fluff

Music Reviews

by Connell Barrett
associate editor

The new movie, "Dave," is sort of like the new president, Bill: likeable, well-intentioned ... but promising way too much. Bill has another three-plus years for redemption; "Dave" is a one-shot deal.

Kevin Kline stars as President Mitchell, the sleazy, duplicitous commander in chief. He cheats on the first lady (Sigourney Weaver), nixes funding for the homeless and, worst of all, combs his hair just like George Bush.

President Mitchell, however, suffers a stroke in the arms of his mistress, leaving him comatose. Luckily, Mitchell's exact double, Dave Kovic (Kline again), who was filling in on a strictly smile-and-wave basis while the chief engaged in his peccadilloes, is drafted by the maneuvering chief of staff --

Frank Langella in the film's best performance -- to take over

in order to do Langella's bidding.

With the idealistic Kovic as president, the fish-out-of-water hijinks ensue, working deftly for a while. Ivan Reitman briefly exudes the same comedic flair he brought to films like "Ghostbusters." But he tries to pull a Capra, as Kline's good president takes on Washington's corrupt bureaucracy, yet passes up chances for real sardonic humor like Capra perfected in films like "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

It could have worked; Kline is certainly capable, given the material. But his earnest Everyman is too corny, even for a semi-satire -- heck, even for Ross Perot.

Reitman tries too hard to do Capra and simultaneously pulls too many political punches, passing up fat opportunities for some real jabs. (Check out Tim Robbins' "Bob Roberts" for political satire with teeth.)

"Dave" is fun and fluffy. But it could have been much meaner and, hence, a much funnier film.

Sweet Water
Sweet Water
Atlantic Records

Yet another grunge band attempts to emerge from -- where else? -- Seattle. And, of course, some of the members of Sweet Water have opened for the likes of Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains and Mother Love Bone -- which probably explains why they sound like them, dress like them and want to break out of Seattle like them. Not too likely.

Sweet Water has produced a likeable, laid-back debut that received much Seattle airplay and strong sales in that area, especially among University of Washington students. But the national music scene is fairly saturated with the grunge sound as it is. To be noticed, a band must either be a little quirky or truly exceptional. Sweet Water is neither.

The album is pretty decent, although generic. No songs really stood out, but some of the better tracks include "Like a Child" and "Where has the Day Gone," although at about seven minutes, the song runs about four minutes too long.

If grunge is your sound, you'll find some decent driving music here, but nothing you can crank up on the interstate.

Primus
Pork Soda
Interscope Records

Primus is nothing if not unique. And although the trio has ventured a bit into the mainstream with the success of the gold "Sailing the Seas of Cheese," they're as wonderfully weird as ever on this fourth album.

Les Claypool's strange, twangy vocals and Larry Lalonde's disjointed, abrupt guitar somehow are the perfect blend of harmony and discord that gives Primus its distinct and eerie sound. And their lyrics will definitely make you wonder. Consider this interpretation of a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles, from the song "DMV"

I've been to hell. I spell it ... I spell it DMV.
Anyone who's been there knows precisely what I mean.
Stood there and I've waited,



Primus

and choked back the urge to scream.

And if I had my druthers, I'd screw a chimpanzee.

Hmmm... who can't relate to that?

Of course, to throw you, the listener, off "DMV" comes right after "Bob," a fairly sensitive song (with acid guitar background, no less) about a friend who committed suicide. But Primus likes to switch gears like that, to weird listeners out.

Probably the best track is "My Name is Mud," with its droning, slamming beat and wholesome message, this song is about a man who beats a guy to death with a baseball bat for stepping on his shoe.

From head to toe I'm rather drab, except my patent shoes.

I make 'em shine, well most the time,

'cept today my feet are troddin' on by this friend of mine.

Six foot two and rude as hell.

I got to get him in the fround before he starts to smell.

Not all of the album tracks are chock full 'o strange stories -- almost half of the songs are instrumental. Although most of the instrumentals are brief and non-descript, guitarist Lalonde really gets to let loose in the ex-



Sweet Water

remely enjoyable "Hamburger Train."

As you may have noticed, Primus is not for everyone. People either love or hate this band, de-

pending upon how twisted their humor is or how far out their musical tastes are. If you're ready for something completely different, try a refreshing taste of Pork Soda.

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BY DARRYL KLUSKOWSKI



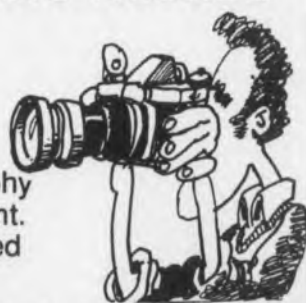
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Going to the gazebo of love

by Connell Barrett
associate editor

They were destined to meet. Two shy copy-editors on the college newspaper.

Some years later, on a sun-drenched afternoon the day before graduation, they exchanged vows, rings and life-long commitments. Flutes and violins filled the warm air with delicate music as two lives became one in a tender on-campus ceremony.

How could it possibly have been more perfect?

"It was free," Jeremy Stone Weber said, who married Sandy Kowalsky on May 7 in the University gazebo. "Pretty much everything in the wedding had some sort of connection where we knew somebody, and we got a good deal."

They decided to tie the knot on campus, and the gazebo, located between the Student Recreation Center and the Moore Musical Arts Center, seemed like as good a place as any.

"Everyone was going to be in town for graduation weekend, and that's one of the reasons we picked the gazebo," Kowalsky said. Another reason, they added, was the cost-free use of the gazebo for a few hours, a fine alternative to shelling out a couple thousand dollars for the typical church.

Though they'd been engaged

for nearly two years and had planned on a quiet, no-frills, stress-free ceremony, the newlyweds weren't as calm as they had hoped to be.

"Jeremy and Sandy were two of the most nervous brides and grooms I'd ever seen," said the Rev. Bill Thompson, associate director of United Christian Fellowship. Thompson officiated the wedding.

Weber agreed he had a case of the butterflies. "I was pretty nervous, mainly because she was 10 minutes late ... We hadn't rehearsed it, and I didn't know if everything would go as planned ... I just knew my vows, and that was pretty much my part in it."

Instead of writing their own vows, the two selected excerpts from several books in an effort to crystallize the true meaning of their marriage.

"We liked the vows because they stressed the individual," Weber said, "and we don't think that when you get married you have to be subservient to each other. We believe you should keep some individuality."

"I'm totally untraditional," Kowalsky said. "I don't like wedding traditions at all. It makes women look pretty bad. I didn't want to 'obey' or anything. I just wanted to 'respect.'"

Including respect for the name Kowalsky, which she is keeping. "I don't want to be thought of as a piece of property. I'm not

someone's property ... It's important to me to keep my family's tradition and keep my family's name going."

While Weber and Kowalsky value each other, Thompson stated, their wedding, which included the couple's immediate family and a small batch of select friends, shows this husband and wife don't think only of themselves.

"One of the things they emphasized was their commitment to each other," Thompson said ... but I could see they were clearly open to others, not just each other. I don't see that often enough."

The bride and groom graduated the day after their wedding, Weber, former editor of The News, with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He'll be attending law school at Case Western this fall. Kowalsky has a degree in psychology and hopes to work in social sciences.

Looking back on such a memorable day, Weber has nothing but warm thoughts.

"We were going to elope. We should have."

To be in love.



Photos by Tim Norman

(bottom left) Sandy Kowalsky and her father take the traditional processional walk towards the gazebo between the Moore Musical Arts and the Student Recreation centers.

(above) The Rev. Bill Thompson (far left) goes through the marriage ceremony of Jeremy Stone Weber and Sandy Kowalsky at the gazebo. The ceremony lasted about 20 minutes.

(below) During the ceremony, Weber and Kowalsky exchange vows.



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BGSU flexes muscle in MAC track

Both the University's track teams made strong showings in their respective meets at the Mid-American Conference Track and Field Championships in Bowling Green over the weekend. The women's team finished second overall, and the men came in fifth.

The women were led by first place finishes from Cheri Triner, Ruth Ristvey and Vicki Czekaj.

Triner was victorious in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 36 minutes, 16.08 seconds, better than 15 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

Ristvey took the javelin throw with a toss of 167 feet, 5 inches.

Czekaj won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 8 and 3/4 inches. She also finished fourth in the heptathlon with 4,398 points.

"I'm happy," coach Steve Price said. "I thought we had a shot at winning. I thought we'd be closer. But it's much better than we'd done."

Triner, who had only run the 10,000-meter run once before, had to make sure she paced herself for the Thursday run because the 5,000 was only two days later.

"I won (the 10,000-meter run) by 20 seconds ..." Triner said. "I basically tried to save my strength for the rest of the meet. When you run a 10,000, usually that's all you run because it's

such a tough race. But I ran the 5,000, and it kind of wore me out."

The team hopes to send as many members to the NCAA Championships in New Orleans, taking place from June 2 to June 5, as possible. Ristvey, Price said, is probably the athlete with the best shot at clinching a slot for the nationals.

"It'll be close for Cheri (Triner) and Nikki (Lessig) to make it. But Ristvey is close enough. She's in the top 10 (nationally). She's going to make it."

Other women finishing strong include: Marla Gudakunst in the triple jump (3rd); Lessig in the discus (3rd); and Benita Thomas in the 400-meter run (4th).

The men's team finished fifth in the MAC, led by first place finishes from Paul Seeley, Todd Black and Reed Parks.

Seeley won the arduous two-day, 10-event decathlon. He also won the individual pole vault competition, clearing 16-9 1/2, setting a BGSU record. Seeley was voted MAC Athlete of the Year by coaches throughout the conference.

Black won the 1,500-meter run, narrowly edging out Paul McMullen of Eastern Michigan, the pre-race favorite.

Parks captured first place in

the hammer throw, with 200-5 effort.

"It was about what we expected," men's assistant coach Sydney Sink said of the fifth place finish.

Seeley's exemplary performance in the decathlon came despite injury. "He had a stress fracture in his foot ..." Sink said. "(It's as bad as it's going to get, so it's just a matter of whether he can handle the pain."

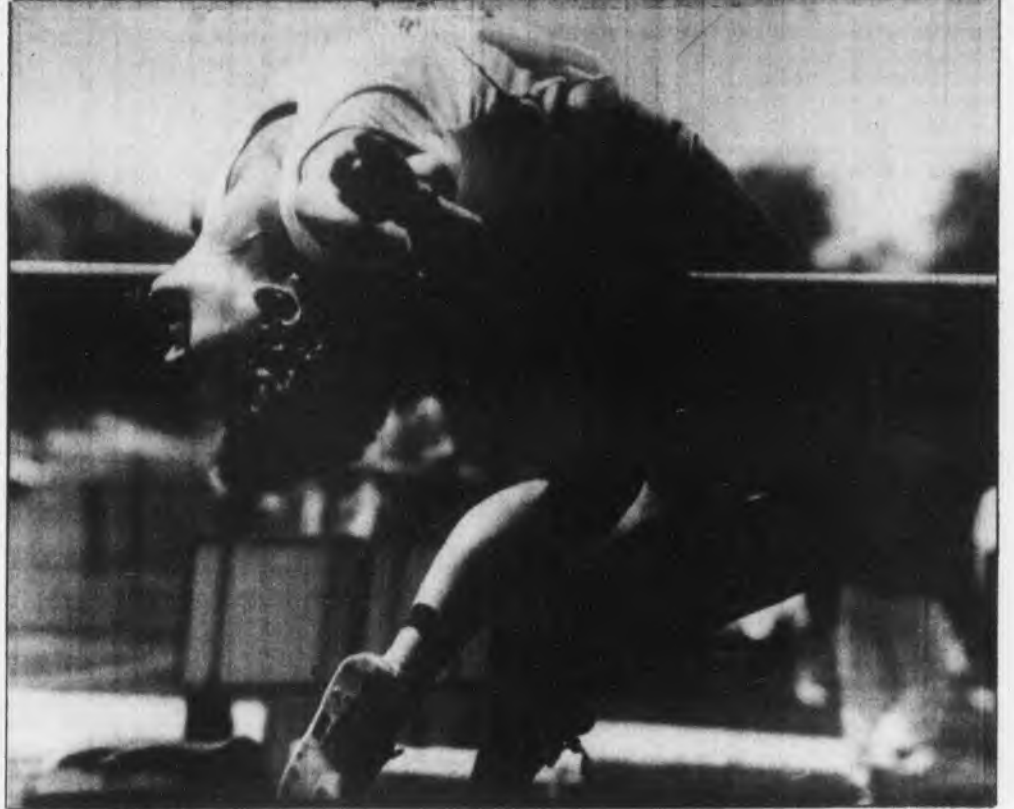
Black's narrow win in the 1,500-meter run, he said, can be partially attributed to the windy conditions, as well as a lack of respect from McMullen.

"It was so windy, I don't think he was used to it. I just sat behind and waited ... It turned into a sprint ... He thought he was going to win, so he took it easy. I guess he underestimated me."

Parks won the hammer throw, despite an extraordinary case of moving-related fatigue.

"The day before (the meet), I had to be completely moved out of my apartment ..." Parks said. "I had to throw the following day, and I was shot. I was just so tired. I fouled the first two. The third got me in the finals."

Other men finishing strong include: Tim Arndt in the 1,500-meter run (6th); Eric Ginngras in the javelin (2nd); and Scott Thompson in the 110-meter hurdles (4th).



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Senior Vicki Czekaj attempts a high jump during the Mid-American Conference Track and Field Championships Saturday afternoon. Czekaj placed first in the women's high jump with a five foot eight and three-fourths inch jump.

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